



NROC Meeting: November 8, 2022
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GOMC In-Person Meeting

July 2022 - Portland, Maine



Key points of discussion

- US / Canada priorities for coastal and marine spatial planning
- NERACOOS ocean acidification monitoring
- Collaboration between GOMC and Gulf of Maine Research Institute, especially around climate change (science + adaptation planning)
- Regional collaboration to address marine debris

GOMC Awards Ceremony

July 2022 - Portland, Maine



13 award winners from MA, NH, ME, NB, NS: <http://www.gulfofmaine.org/public/gulf-of-maine-council-on-the-marine-environment/awards/>

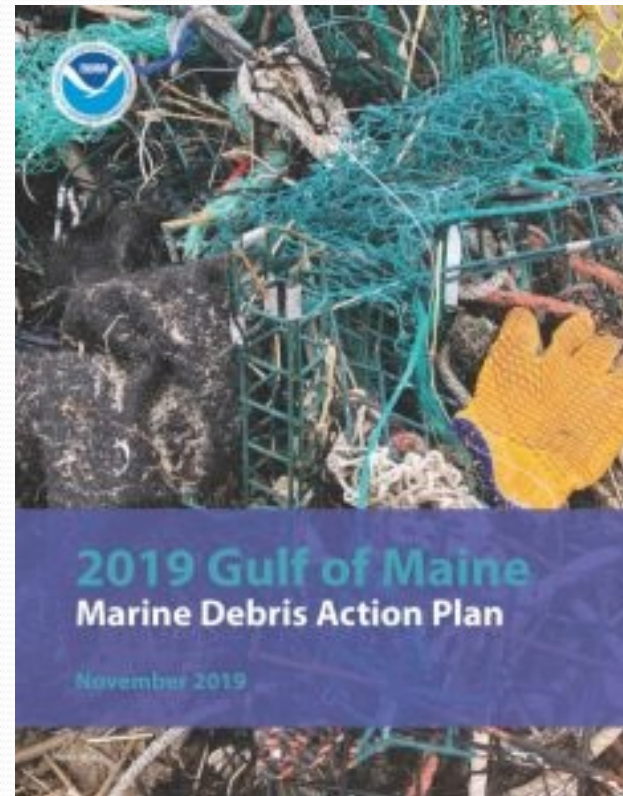
Regional Collaboration to Address Marine Debris in the Gulf of Maine

Funding:

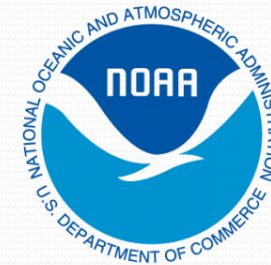
- NOAA: \$367,839
- Match: \$448,158

Two-Year Project:

- October 2021 – September 2023



Excellent US / Canada Partnership



URBAN HARBORS INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON



+ Nova Scotia Beach Garbage Awareness
and many other regional and local partners

Highlights from First Year

- Conducted **282** coastal cleanups
- Engaged **2,271** volunteers
- Removed **23,335** pounds of debris from coastal sites located throughout Gulf of Maine



Highlights from First Year

- Collected **9,100 lbs.** of discarded fishing related rope to recycle or repurpose
- Hosted workshops to promote creative reuse



International Collaboration

- Presentations / poster session at **7th International Marine Debris Conference**, Busan South Korea (Sept 2022)
- US / Canada sessions with GOMC (Dec 21/ July 22)



Outreach / Education

- Outreach to 3,435 boaters at NE Boat show
- Educated 703 students
- Signed up 7 new ocean friendly restaurants



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